

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

March 20, 2007

6:00 PM

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Garrity, O'Neil, Osborne, Gatsas, Duval

Messrs.: Robert MacKenzie, Todd Fleming, Dick Anagnost, Ron Ludwig

The Chairman addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 210207 Immunization Services in the amount of \$5,900.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 210607 School Based Dental Services in the amount of \$5,000.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 210707 STD Clinical and DIS Program in the amount of \$5,701.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Gatsas, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 214307 Girls Inc. Facility Improvement Project in the amount of \$40,000.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 214407 Senior Wellness Funding Initiative Program in the amount of \$2,300.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 8 of the agenda:

8. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 412307 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council High School Dropout Reduction Project in the amount of \$7,000.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 9 of the agenda:

9. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 412407 Public Safety Interoperability Portable Radios Program in the amount of \$6,534.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Gatsas, it was voted to discuss this item.

Alderman Gatsas asked is there somebody here to tell me how much money we have received for the interoperability of radios, both in Fire and Police?

Mr. Robert MacKenzie stated there has been a couple of grants in the past from Homeland Security funds for interoperability. We just don't have that here. We could certainly get it to the Committee.

Chairman Garrity asked is that to your satisfaction, Alderman Gatsas?

Alderman Gatsas responded I would assume that this is going to probably bring in in excess of seven or eight hundred thousand dollars, I would assume, between the both departments. But that's okay. Let's just move it along.

Alderman O'Neil asked is this going to the Full Board tonight, Carol?

Ms. Carol Johnson, Deputy City Clerk, stated no, it would be going to the next Board meeting unless a special request is made.

Chairman Garrity stated I believe all of these items are going to the next Full Board Meeting.

Alderman O'Neil stated all right, so they could get...we could send this forward and somebody could get back to us by then, by the next Full Board Meeting.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it's my understanding that the Planning Director will forward a communication to the Board regarding the information requested.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 10 of the agenda:

10. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering (Watershed Restoration) Project in the amount of \$130,000.

Chairman Garrity stated question for Chuck or Ron. I don't know if you have the answer. Is this all grant funds...is this the grant we were waiting to be awarded for this? Two grants?

Alderman Gatsas asked is there any money left in that South Willow Street? That keeps popping up.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I hope not. But there is.

Alderman Gatsas asked how much is left in there?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I believe there's still a balance of \$17,000 in that fund.

Chairman Gatsas asked but that has to go toward bondable projects. Is that right?

Mr. MacKenzie responded yes.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 11 of the agenda:

11. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 511807 Recreational Improvements Fund Project in the amount of \$10,000.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 12 of the agenda:

12. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 511907 Preservation of the City of Manchester's Cemetery Record Project in the amount of \$5,000.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to recommend approval of the resolution and budget authorization.

The Chairman addressed item 13 of the agenda:

13. Amending resolution and budget authorization for the FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program in the amount of \$400,000.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to discuss this item.

Alderman O'Neil stated Bob, is this...we've had a number of grants written, or applied for a number of grants. One, we were not successful, but how about some housing trust funds to do a local match? Does this have anything to do with that, or is this completely separate?

Mr. MacKenzie stated we did not receive one grant. We did receive \$1.8 million recently from HUD for this program, and this would be the matching funds that are needed for that.

Alderman O'Neil asked is it the same source as the other match?

Mr. MacKenzie responded yes.

Alderman O'Neil asked and how much was that grant for that we were not awarded?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I think it was exactly the same amount.

Alderman O'Neil asked any idea what the difference? We just had a different federal fiscal year or something? How did we get one and not the other.

Mr. MacKenzie responded I know that the staff worked very hard in contacting HUD, and I believe even the Mayor's office contacted the Congressional Delegation.

Alderman O'Neil asked was this after we were rejected the first time?

Mr. MacKenzie responded yes.

Alderman Gatsas asked Mr. MacKenzie, can you tell me exactly how much is in this lead hazardous reduction account?

Mr. MacKenzie stated the total project will be \$2.5 million, of which we'll be able to address a number of dwelling units in the City. Of that, a large majority is federal funds, some from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and some also from HUD in terms of CDBG.

Alderman Gatsas stated so \$2.5 million is available and you said we're going to be able to do a lot of units. Give me a specific idea on who qualifies, what units get done, how much we spend on a per-unit basis.

Mr. MacKenzie stated yes, I'm going to ask Todd. He probably has answers to many of those questions. He has been working with the Way Home on the program.

Mr. Todd Fleming, Planning Department, stated basically for this particular grant we're going to try to do about a minimum of 240 units for the Lead Hazard Control portion of the program. Approximately \$9,000 per unit would be available, and the main requirement is that these units would be occupied by families with children under six that are low or moderate income. Moderate would be 80% of the median income for Manchester.

Alderman Gatsas asked how many years has this project been on the books and how many units have we abated and how many units do we think are still in need of abatement?

Mr. Fleming responded to date we've done approximately 180 units. The City received a grant in 2000. That was a three-year grant that went till 2003, and we've continued the program in the interim.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you give me specific dollar amounts that were spent from 2000 to 2003?

Mr. Fleming responded that particular grant was approximately \$900,000.

Alderman Gatsas stated and when you stated we continued the projects in the interim, who paid for it?

Mr. Fleming stated basically that was a part of the City's Housing Rehab program.

Alderman Gatsas asked which was how much?

Mr. Fleming responded \$275,000 this year.

Alderman Gatsas asked and how many units do we think are in the City that are in need of abatement?

Mr. Fleming responded there are several pre-1940 housing units in the City. Basically anything before 1978 could have lead paint in it. I can't give you a specific number. Approximately 15,000 units. I can get back with more specific information if you wish.

Alderman Gatsas stated I need it before Thursday. But anyway, let's continue the discussion because the \$9,000 abatement per unit...what does that include?

Mr. Fleming stated basically that would include going into a unit and doing a risk assessment and, when you talk about lead hazard controls you talk about either interim measures, which can be basically not permanent, and basically you maintain those improvements to make sure that they remain intact. And then the other form you talk about would be called abatement. And abatement is basically you get rid of everything and you don't have to worry about it anymore. HUD basically takes an approach of a combination of interim measures as well as abatement. We would like to try to do abatement in every case.

Alderman Gatsas stated the abatement that you're talking about in an apartment, full abatement, has got to cost more than \$9,000.

Mr. Fleming stated the program...we also basically we get money from property owners. We're looking for a ten- percent match as a part of our new program. And there's other sources that are included within our recent grant that we received.

Alderman Gatsas asked what is the cost of total abatement for a five-room apartment?

Mr. Fleming responded I don't have that information for you.

Alderman Gatsas said we've been hearing quotes anywhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Mr. Fleming stated to pull out a number I'd say probably \$15,000. Our program, in the past we've done a number of different types of projects, smaller projects, larger projects. I'd say if you averaged it, it's probably more like \$12,000 to \$15,000 a unit.

Alderman Gatsas stated the testimony that we've heard is much greater than \$15,000 a unit, for full abatement.

Mr. Fleming stated I'm just giving you the information based on our past programs.

Alderman Gatsas asked and there's been some units that have had total abatement?

Mr. Fleming responded yes, there has.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to move the question.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 14 of the agenda:

14. CIP Budget Authorization:
811307 Citywide Revaluation – Revision #1

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted it was voted to recommend approval of the budget authorization.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 15 of the agenda:

15. Communication from Ron Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, advising that \$12,000 is required to accomplish the replacement of the Sheehan/Basquil monument.

(Note: quotation to be forwarded prior to meeting.)

Chairman Garrity stated and the latest communication that I've received, that number has been adjusted. Mr. Ludwig, are you going to speak on that or should I just call on Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez stated I'd rather have the Director of Parks's talk about this because you've worked on this extensively. You did a good job on it too.

Mr. Ron Ludwig, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, stated thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we were successful. We solicited some additional quotes and tried to get the number down a little bit, and we were able to do that. We think we have...I sent out like a facsimile in terms of what it might look like. The Rene Gagne memorial. It looks something like that. We've got it sloped and slanted a little bit. All three pieces of bronze get countersunk into the face of that, to reduce vandalism effectively. We would probably take the existing planter out. We have yet to determine if there's a base under that. We may even save a little bit more because we could use the existing base. And we hope to have it all done...really, based on that quote, I know it says like \$7,300. If we had around \$8,000 we could just dress up the area a little bit around it. It would help us. We could set it right in front of the flagpole at Hunt Pool and I think it would present itself nicely.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'll end up making the motion on the money. Ron, we had talked about maybe pulling it out toward the street, to maybe cut down on the vandalism. I don't know where you're talking going now because it sits way back.

Mr. Ludwig stated we did take a look at that, and I did talk with people from the monument company. I think we could pull it out a little, but it still would be nice to see the flagpole, which is in really good shape, kind of centered behind it. So, we could come out a little bit. We might lose the advantage...

Alderman O'Neil stated it was police who have said that to me. They thought that by it sitting way back it kind of welcomed...

Mr. Ludwig stated it could. I don't disagree with their philosophy there. Again, it could be removed a little bit. We don't have to be right up against the flagpole, so I think we could come out a little bit.

Alderman O'Neil stated I'd suggest bringing it out as far as possible.

Mr. Ludwig stated we may have to pour a new base, even if there's one there, in that case, but, again, it's built into this price.

Chairman Garrity asked you think for \$8,000 we could dress up the area a little bit?

Mr. Ludwig responded well I'm hoping. Indications are we could get it up for Memorial Day.

Chairman Garrity asked Mr. MacKenzie, could we have the funding source please?

Mr. MacKenzie responded we have been looking. We did determine that this is not CDBG eligible. We have not found a source, other than the Parks Improvement Program, which I suspect the Department would not like to use because there's competing interests. But it is eligible and could fall under that.

Mr. Ludwig stated I think we have to move. We can't really go any longer. If there's a balance that comes out and we have a need down the road, I think we come back to you and ask you, but I have to place an order. In fact, I kind of already have to get this going by Memorial Day.

Chairman Garrity asked but you're all right with it coming out of the Parks Improvement Program?

Mr. Ludwig responded, if we don't do that, then we're going to be fishing without bait for a while here.

Mr. O'Neil asked, Ron, should we...I asked on an earlier item...the Chairman indicated that all these items will be referred to our next Full Board. Would this be better if we took this one to the Full Board tonight?

Mr. Ludwig responded it would make me feel a little bit more comfortable.

Alderman Osborne stated Ron, as far as the flagpole and where you're going set it, isn't there a floodlight there somewhere on the building, on the swimming pool area at all?

Mr. Ludwig stated I don't think that that's lit. It probably should be.

Alderman Osborne stated that would flash on to that particular monument and the flagpole as well.

Mr. Ludwig stated we did not include any electrical work or any kind of ground lighting, Alderman Osborne.

Alderman Osborne stated but off the Hunt's Pool, I'm talking, off the building.

Mr. Ludwig stated we could look at it, but again it wasn't in this number...

Alderman Osborne stated I understand, but it's just something to think about anyway, for vandalism.

Mr. Ludwig stated sure, we could do that.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted that \$8,000 would come out of the Parks Improvement Program for this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 16 of the agenda:

16. Communication from Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, advising of current negotiations with owners of the Blacksmith property on Second Street noting if all is in order and funds are available amending resolutions and budget authorizations may be brought in at this evening's meeting.

Mr. MacKenzie stated yes Mr. Chairman. I had been actually waiting on a phone call even before this meeting because we are proceeding with negotiations, but we do not have anything. The owner has not accepted an offer at this point, so I would be hoping that we would have that available for the next meeting.

Alderman O'Neil stated I will say this. I think many Aldermen have spoken with Mr. and Mrs. Netsch on that property. I think the Mayor has met with them, City staff, but I'll tell you, I personally don't think we've treated them correctly or right on this. I really don't. I certainly was led to believe we were going to do something at a certain amount, and now all of a sudden that no longer exists. I just think that's an absolutely poor way for the City to do business. These are not developers. These are just some people that ran a business. Unfortunately they had to close the business. The building sat for a little bit, and now they're left...they're really in my opinion not treated very well by the City in this situation. I think it's poor on the City's part.

Chairman Garrity asked Mr. MacKenzie, do you have any idea when we're going to have this settled?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I do not believe we're too far apart. There are still a couple issues to be handled, but again, I'm hoping we can handle the situation. I do agree with Alderman O'Neil that our staff, and with the help of the Assessors and the Solicitors Office, feel some compassion for the Netsches. We are trying to do what we can, but it has been a difficult situation. But we do hope to close the deal, and as soon as we do that, we will bring that to the Board.

Chairman Garrity stated I'd like to keep it tabled in CIP and maybe we could do a phone poll on it. Would that be acceptable?

Alderman Lopez stated I just want to say that during this whole process until the time when we appointed Mr. MacKenzie as the lead person, things started to happen after we appointed him. I want to compliment Mr. MacKenzie for staying on top of it.

Chairman Garrity stated on advice from the Clerk, she's recommending that we receive and file this, not table it. That way, we can do a phone pole on it. That way nothing's delayed once they do come up to a settlement.

Alderman Smith asked is there any possibility that we could just wait for an hour or two and maybe we could get some communication from the Netsches, if there is an agreement, and put it on the Board tonight?

Chairman Garrity stated let's go ahead and receive and file in Committee right now, and then we can...can we pole the Committee later on tonight?

Deputy City Clerk Carol Johnson stated my suggestion would be to receive and file this communication rather than to table it, so that you don't have to hold a meeting to take it off the table, in anticipation that information will be received and the Committee will be polled at that time. It could be at any time.

Chairman Garrity asked can't they bring it to the Full Board under new business?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson responded if the Committee is polled tonight and the Committee desires us to do that, the Clerk certainly is going to bring it forward. Or, you can refer the matter to the Board and we will bring it to the Board whenever we have it, as a Full Board, whichever way the Committee desires.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to refer this to the full Board.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 17 of the agenda:

17. Communication from Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, seeking approval to apply for CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program) funds (\$15,000) to assist in planning for the redevelopment of the Hollow and Wilson Street neighborhoods.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 18 of the agenda:

18. Communication from Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, on behalf of MHRA and the Anagnost Companies, seeking funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Karatzas Avenue Housing Project.

Chairman Garrity asked funding source? And some history and how the whole process is going to work?

Mr. MacKenzie responded yes. As you may remember this is on Karastzas Avenue. MHRA and the Anagnost Companies had requested to purchase the property from Manchester Water Works. That had to be concurred with by this Board, and the Board did. Their proposal is to do affordable housing, both affordable apartments and affordable ownership in townhouses on that property. They did submit a request for \$500,000 to assist in making that project happen. I think they were hoping to get that before the end of this fiscal year. I do not believe we have, right at the present time, enough to meet all of that. The applicants are here, but I do believe we can work out the situation in the '08 budget, and that may still meet their timeline if the Board acts on the CIP in May or early June. But again, the applicant is here and could answer any questions.

Chairman Garrity asked so am I to understand that this would be fiscal year '08 funds?

Mr. MacKenzie responded in order to get the full \$500,000 it would have to be partly '08 funds. We just got the financial pro forma, I think yesterday. Todd has those and I'm going to be going through that so the staff would like a little bit of time to review those. But at this point if the Committee wants to refer it to the '08

budget, the staff can then work toward making sure that happens, but I think the main issue is the timing.

Alderman O'Neil stated Bob, if I understood what you said, there is not \$500,000 available in fiscal year '07. How much is available in fiscal year '07?

Mr. MacKenzie stated there is about \$100,000. We did just take an action, or the Committee took an action on the lead paint, where we were looking to have a match for the lead paint program, and that was coming out of the trust. So there's about \$100,000 after that action.

Alderman O'Neil asked Bob, is there an important targeted date on the lead paint for the match?

Mr. MacKenzie responded it is a three-year program. We do want to make sure the match is there, but that is a flexible program. We could, you know, modify that as long as we knew that the Board was going to then fund it or make a commitment later.

Alderman O'Neil asked Bob, if this project is time sensitive and the lead abatement project isn't, couldn't we just swap the funds?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I wouldn't want to switch all of the funds because we're going to be gearing up very quickly for the lead abatement program and we need the match for at least the first year. So I don't think...

Alderman O'Neil asked when is the first year of the contract? July 1st?

Mr. MacKenzie responded it will start this month.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess we don't get all that information so I have to ask those questions, I guess. I was not aware it started this month.

Mr. MacKenzie stated it has been a grant that came to the Board before. This particular grant is scheduled, not on our calendar years, but on when HUD sets the time frames.

Alderman O'Neil asked so how much money could be available in this fiscal year for this particular project that we're talking about?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I'm going to have my staff calculate that as close as possible. But again, we're going to need somehow a commitment for future funds to make sure that we can continue the program.

Alderman O'Neil asked if I may follow up, Mr. Chairman, not to beat this thing, but aren't we making a commitment even if we put off the Karatzas Ave. project? Aren't we still making a commitment to it in the fiscal '08 budget? That's how I see it.

Mr. MacKenzie stated that's possible, but because by the fiscal '08 approvals, there will be adequate funds to do both.

Chairman Garrity asked did you get that Alderman?

Alderman O'Neil responded I didn't.

Chairman Garrity stated I need to understand. Maybe Mr. Dunfey or Mr. Anagnost has the answer to this question. I need to understand why the request is here, now, for '08 funds. I'm a little confused on that. Is it just because we don't have the funds in the '07 budget? I need to understand why you're here in fiscal year '07 asking for '08 funds and why you need action tonight.

Mr. Dick Anagnost stated I guess I'll take a shot at this. Originally we were asking for '07 funds because our construction schedule was to begin construction sometime in April. Some of our funding has now been delayed at New Hampshire Housing Finance an extra month which pushes it out to the end of May or June. So, from our standpoint, moving it into '08 is really not an issue at this point in time. It's really only the overlap of a month. We would be back before you again next month or in May, I guess, for '08 funds, which would still fit within our time frame because of the delay at New Hampshire Housing of our original funding. So I guess we were on a time schedule, we were anticipating funding this month from New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. They have now pushed us back a month to April, so pushing this out into '08 really doesn't impact our time frame, I guess is the short answer, Alderman Garrity.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated not to throw any more wrenches into the subject but it's my understanding that the presumption is that the CIP budget for fiscal year '08 would be adopted in May in order for that to occur for them. But is this funds that won't be effective until July? And are we sure that it's going to be adopted in time? We have the public hearing process to go through and the budget isn't...

Chairman Garrity stated we've done that with projects previously, right?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated it would have to be expedited, but I don't know if it's Federal funds or not. If it's Federal funds I don't know that you can.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I do not believe...they're looking for an approval, so that they can get all of their financial approvals lined up, but I do not believe they would actually need the flow of all the funds until after July 1st. And perhaps they could correct me on that.

Mr. Anagnost stated that is correct. The way funds go in, they go in as a proportionate share of each requisition, so realistically we wouldn't even probably be looking for money until August.

Alderman Gatsas asked what are the terms of the \$500,000?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I don't know. That's yet to be determined. We only got all of the stuff today, Alderman Gatsas, so we haven't had a chance, really, to sit down with staff and work it through.

Chairman Garrity stated but it's my understanding it's probably going to be in front of this Committee for approval again.

Mr. MacKenzie stated correct.

Alderman Osborne stated well seeing they're up here, I had a question. As far as the profits from this project, how are they distributed?

Mr. Anagnost stated first to...I think there's a split between New Hampshire Housing first, then City of Manchester, then to Manchester Housing and I on a fifty/fifty basis after that.

Alderman Osborne repeated Manchester Housing and yourself on a fifty/fifty basis. What percentage does that leave after the other two...

Mr. Anagnost stated whatever the money is of this loan we pay back first. All net proceeds, Alderman, go to the repayment of the loans first. Once these loans are repaid then...

Alderman Osborne stated so if everything's paid, then where do the profits go then?

Mr. Anagnost stated fifty percent to Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority and fifty percent to the Anagnost Companies.

Alderman Osborne asked there's nothing set aside for bad days, if they're not rented or unsold?

Mr. Anagnost responded as we go, all of the reserve funds are capitalized on a monthly basis. When the loan is initially made from New Hampshire Housing Finance up front, there's an operating reserve that's set up, there's a capital reserve to fix the buildings. That's set up as a tax reserve to pay the City of Manchester and there's an insurance reserve to make sure that the first full year's premium is funded. On a monthly basis, those reserves are funded, so that money comes out before there could be what technically you would characterize as a profit. Then any remaining net cash flow is applied to the loan that we're here today to request and to New Hampshire Housing for their soft money. And then anything left after that is split between the MHRA and the Anagnost Companies.

Alderman Osborne asked as far as the Anagnost situation, how much is put in, percentage-wise, with the MHRA? What investment does the Anagnost have?

Mr. Anagnost responded all of the investment is mine, sir, and all of the guarantees are mine. There's no risk to MHRA. I put up one hundred percent of the seed capital and I provide all of the personal guarantees.

Alderman O'Neil asked what is the action we need to take tonight?

Mr. MacKenzie responded if you would refer it into the '08 CIP budget process, we'll have time to look at the financials. We'll have time to negotiate the terms and figure out where the money would actually come from.

Alderman O'Neil asked and the parties are comfortable with that?

Mr. Anagnost responded yes, sir.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to refer this item to the FY'08 CIP budget process.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 19 of the agenda:

19. Communication from Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning, advising of

a request of Mr. Hector Ortiz that the City forgive the remaining \$23,304 loan balance of a Lead Hazard Control Program Mortgage for property located at 490 Spruce Street.

Alderman Osborne asked what is the status on this particular situation here?

Mr. MacKenzie responded I'll probably have Todd talk a little bit more about it. At this point we're not recommending for any abatements of these mortgages. The terms were clear up front and at this point, we don't have any recommendation for abating it.

Chairman Garrity stated so your recommendation is to receive and file the request.

Mr. MacKenzie stated yes.

On motion of Alderman Gatsas, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Garrity addressed item 20 of the agenda:

20. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, advising that following approval of the Public Safety and Traffic Committee the lighting system in the Victory Parking Garage will be replaced at an estimated cost of \$100,000 from the CIP 5200-7109-C700-05 Parking and Traffic Improvements.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Gatsas, it was voted to refer this item to the FY2008 CIP.

Chairman Garrity stated gentlemen, on the tabled items, I'd like to request the folks that represent Lowell Terrace Associates be here at our next CIP meeting. We need to really get that cleared up. There's some monies owed to the City, so I'd like to request staff to be sure that that's a topic for the next CIP meeting next month, please

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer abatement request for property located at 941 Elm Street

On motion of Alderman of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was vote to approve the sewer abatement request in the amount of \$347.40 as recommended by EPD>

TABLED ITEMS

21. Petition to discontinue a portion of So. Bedford Street.
(Tabled 07/11/2006. On July 11, 2006, the BMA voted to refer this matter also to the Special Committee on Riverfront Activities and Baseball. Tabled in Riverfront Committee on 11/13/2006.)

This item remained tabled.

22. Communication from Lowell Terrace Associates proposing a mortgage/debt consolidation for property located at the northwest corner of Lowell and Chestnut Streets.
(Tabled 08/14/2006. Further information submitted by Finance available for viewing at the Office of the City Clerk and previously forwarded to Committee members.)

This item remained tabled.

23. Security estimate provided by Pelmac Industries for property located behind the West Side Ice Arena and the Jr. Deb Softball field.
(Tabled 10/23/2006 pending reports from Parking, Planning and CIP.)

This item remained tabled.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee